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# Thousands gather to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe



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*OUR LADY HONORED — Concelebrants at a Dec. 9 Mass honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe walked into Golden Hall at the end of a huge procession of brightly dressed men, women and children. Bishop Leo T. Maher of San Diego (left) concelebrated with Archbishop Geranimo Prigione (center), apostolic delegate for Mexico and Sebastiano Cardinal Baggio (right), president of the Pontifical Commission for the State of the Vatican City.*

## *'Love for Our Lady' shown at festivities*

**By Veronica Garcia**

SAN DIEGO — More than 3,000 people gathered for a special diocesan celebration Dec. 9 in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas.

The festivities began with a procession from Our Lady of Guadalupe Church to the Community Concourse downtown.

**THE PROCESSION** to Golden Hall where a Mass was celebrated was headed by Sebastiano Cardinal Baggio, president of the Pontifical Commission for the State of the Vatican City; Bishop Leo T. Maher and Auxiliary Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez of San Diego; Bishop Emilio Berlie of the Diocese of Tijuana; and Bishop Ulisis Macias of the Diocese of Mexicali.

The Mass was concelebrated by the five, and Archbishop Geranimo Prigione, the apostolic delegate for Mexico; Bishop Manuel Perez Gil, of the Diocese of Tlalnepantla, near Mexico City, and more than 40 diocesan priests. Several permanent deacons assisted at the Mass.

Before the Mass began, members of the diocesan Guadalupana Confederation, dressed in traditional Mexican attire, and Catholic Daughters of the Americas, processed into Golden Hall carrying banners honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. Twenty-one ''queens'' from diocesan parishes also marched into the hall as the San Luis Rey Mission Choir performed.

**BISHOP MAHER** welcomed the thousands and said their ''presence spoke of their love for Our Lady.'' The great love Cardinal Baggio has for Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Hispanic people was demonstrated by the cardinal's journey from Rome for the festivities, Bishop Maher noted.

Bishop Maher also acknowledged the presence of the apostolic delegate of Mexico and Bishop Perez Gil, who had come to thank the people of San Diego for the food they sent to the victims of the gas explosion outside Mexico City.

During his homily delivered in Spanish, Cardinal Baggio said the festivities, costumes, songs and smiles on the faces of the congregation demonstrated their love for the Virgin of Guadalupe.

**ADVENT IS** a time to prepare for Christ, our Savior, to come, Cardinal Baggio explained. ''There is no better way to celebrate (Advent) than with the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe'' — commemorating Mary's importance in the Church, he said. ''Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of His Son. She said 'yes' to God,'' he added.

Recalling the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Cardinal Baggio noted that Mary did not appear to a priest or government official but to an Indian, a simple man named Juan Diego. As the ambassador of the Virgin's message, Diego's cloak became imprinted with an image of the Virgin, he said. ''In Mexico at the time there was nobody who could paint such a portrait...its origin is unexplainable,'' the cardinal said.

The apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe taught the Spaniards, who were in control of Mexico then, that the Indians were not only equally loved by God but were also important, Cardinal Baggio said. It marked the beginning of respect for the Indians by the Spaniards, he added.

**''AS JOHN** Paul II said during his trip to Canada, the tradition and character of different cultures'' within a multi-cultural country should be respected, Cardinal Baggio said. ''That is the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe...(that we are) to show respect for all our brothers and sisters who are all children of God,'' he explained.

Later that day, the celebration continued with a dinner at the Sheraton Harbor Island East.

Cardinal Baggio, Archbishop Prigione, Bishop Maher, Bishop Chavez, Bishop Perez Gil, Bishop Berlie and Bishop of San Bernardino Phillip Straling, were among the guests of honor for the banquet attended by about 650 people.

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# Pastoral invites input from 'entire Church'

**By Joyce Carr**

ALCALA PARK — The recent U.S. bishops' pastoral on the economy unifies ''insights of the Church's tradition'' in setting forth principles of social justice, said Jesuit Father Manuel Velasquez. He gave an overview of the bishops' document draft to more than 100 persons at the University of San Diego Dec. 8.

Father Velasquez is chairman of the philosophy department at Santa Clara University. In May 1984 he discussed the relationship between the U.S. economy and corporations with the bishops' ad hoc committee that prepared the first draft of the letter.

**HIS PRESENTATION** at the Manchester Conference Center here was sponsored by the diocesan Peace and Justice Commission and the university's political science department.

Father Velasquez cited several papal encyclicals on economic concerns, including Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum*, which states that economic goods should be used to meet the common needs of all humanity. U.S. bishops have also addressed economic issues in previous letters, he said.

The new pastoral differs from these precedents, he said, because it invited responses from the entire Catholic community. ''Our task is to decide whether this draft expresses what God wants from us at this time,'' he said.

**''WE MUST** always give voice to what the Spirit is asking us to do. What we say about this letter will influence what the next draft will look like.''

The letter was written after the bishops ''consulted with almost 100 economic experts in two dozen parishes throughout the U.S.,'' he said.

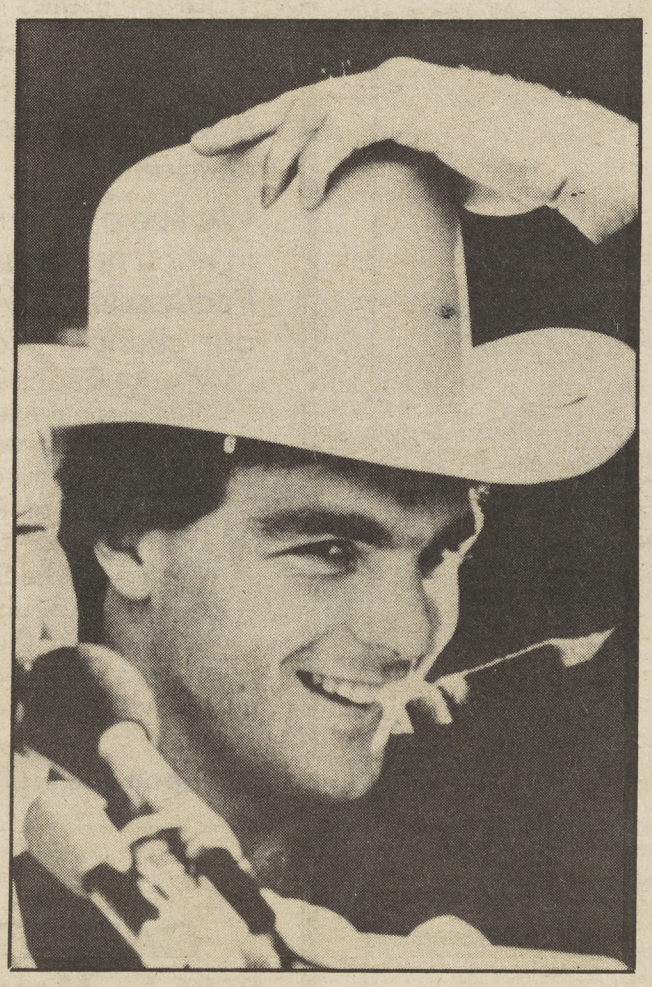
Father Velasquez summarized outlines of the letter distributed to the participants. The pastoral stressed ''the obligation to bear each other's economic burdens'' because ''our union in Christ has made us into a single community that transcends all divisions,'' he said.

**IT STATES** that each person has a moral right to ''participate actively in the economy, to share in its benefits, to work and to have his basic needs met.'' The pastoral also challenges us to ''assess our life styles, our institutions and our policies primarily by their impact on the poor and marginalized'' in accordance with Scriptural teachings, he added.

''True holiness is not limited to moments of private prayer,'' Father Velasquez said. ''It means seeing our goods in the light of the gospel command to have special concern for the poor and needy.''

He explained how the letter applies these moral values to economic policies. It calls for ''full employment through creation of new jobs; well-funded, consistent welfare programs; formulation of new policies directed toward the common good, but especially to the poor and an increased U.S. commitment to developing nations.''

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*HEISMAN WINNER — Doug Flutie, quarterback for the Boston College Eagles, tries on a cowboy hat after his team accepted an invitation to play in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas on New Year's Day. Flutie won the coveted Heisman Trophy, awarded to college's top player by the Downtown Athletic Club in New York. See story, page 7.*

# Briefs

**SUPPORTS AUXILIARY** — Archbishop John J. O'Connor of New York Dec. 7 strongly supported the decision two days earlier by his auxiliary, Bishop Emerson Moore, to engage in civil disobedience and be arrested as a protest against South African apartheid. "It was a carefully made judgment. It was not at all arbitrary or capricious. It said something very symbolic and very effective," he said. Bishop Moore did not warn Archbishop O'Connor of his decision to engage in civil disobedience, the auxiliary said. (See story, page 7.)

**A FIRST** — A Catholic elementary school in Harrisburg has become the first school in central Pennsylvania to participate in a national program to help identify missing children. The Home and School Association of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque School, along with two local radio stations, sponsored two Kid Pix photo sessions. In the program, parents receive laminated identification cards with photos of their children and information on the child's sex, height, weight, hair and eye color and distinguishing marks. If a child is missing, the card can be duplicated and distributed to police and news media.

**CANADIAN COSTS** — Pope John Paul II's 12-day September trip to Canada cost Canadian Catholics more than $15 million, and about $9.4 million of that still needs to be raised, a spokeswoman for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops said Dec. 6. Figures used are the U.S. equivalent of Canadian dollars. The cost was borne by dioceses that hosted the pope and the bishop's conference. It did not include the cost to the Canadian government, said Bonnie Brennan, CCCB information officer.

**POLICE ACCUSED** — South Africa's Catholic bishops have accused that country's police of committing atrocities while quelling riots in black townships. The Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference issued a report citing 41 cases of alleged atrocities, including murder and rape. The allegations are backed by sworn affidavits from township residents who said they were victimized. An estimated 150 black South Africans and one white infant have been killed in outbreaks of violence in the townships.

**WHY THE PRIESTHOOD?** — Questionnaires have been sent to more than 4,300 seminary students to find out why they want to become priests. The survey is a project of the Bishops' Committee on Priestly Formation, the National Catholic Educational Association, seminary rectors, the Formation Committee of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men and the Office of Research of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and U.S. Catholic Conference.

**COURT LISTENS** — The U.S. Supreme Court Dec. 5 listened to arguments from both sides over whether sending public school teachers into parochial schools to teach non-religious subjects violates the Constitution. The court heard arguments in cases involving the Grand Rapids, Mich., and New York City public school systems, both of which developed programs allowing some public school staff members to instruct parochial school students in special subjects.

**SORROW EXPRESSED** — Pope John Paul II expressed sorrow over the Dec. 3 poisonous gas leak in central India which killed or injured thousands of people. He referred to " a new suffering for a people who have been so tried in recent months."

**DR. ROCK DIED** — Dr. John Rock, a developer of the birth control pill, died Dec. 4 in Peterborough, N.H. at the age of 94. Rock developed the oral contraceptive after experimenting with a pill that had been on the market as a prescriptive remedy for menstrual disorders. Rock argued that the pill acts in a natural way to prevent ovulation and expressed hope that it would be an acceptable means of birth control in the eyes of the Church, but theologians labeled it a form of "direct sterilization."

# Official

**Bishop Leo T. Maher**

Thursday, Dec. 13, noon, San Diego, SHARE headquarters, press conference for kick-off of 1985 SHARE Campaign to End Hunger.

Friday, Dec. 14, 2 p.m., San Diego, Cathedral Plaza, lighting of the Christmas tree.

Saturday, Dec. 15, 12:30 p.m., San Diego, St. Therese Social Center, Mission Office Christmas dinner.

Sunday, Dec. 16, 6 p.m., San Diego, Bishop Maher's residence, annual chaplains Christmas dinner.

Monday, Dec. 17, 11:30 a.m., San Diego, St. Vincent de Paul parish, retired clergy Christmas luncheon.

Tuesday, Dec. 18, noon, San Diego, Andree's Restaurant, diocesan marriage tribunal luncheon.

**Father Peter M. Escalante, secretary**

**Auxiliary Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez**

Sunday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m., San Diego, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, Mass.




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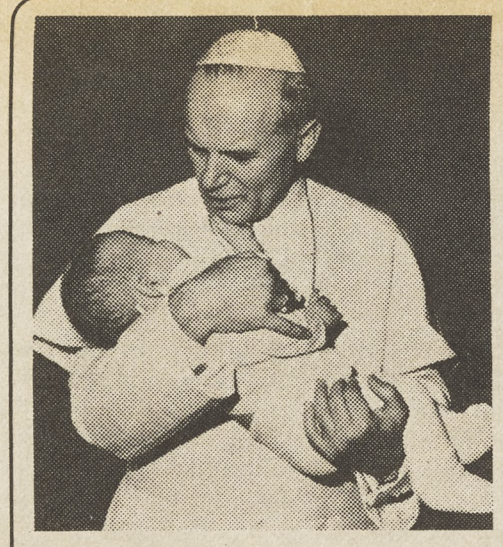

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## *Jesuit speaks*

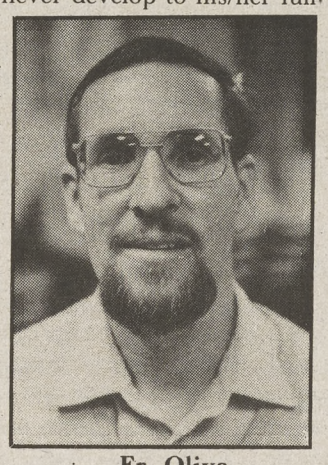
# Faith and justice are 'connected'

**By Veronica Garcia**

SAN DIEGO — "The dignity of the human person" is the theme underlying Church teaching, Jesuit Father Max Oliva told a small group Dec. 5 at Christ the King parish hall.

A connection exists between faith and justice, Father Oliva said in his talk on "social justice and the dignity of the human person." The lecture was held as a follow-up to RENEW's third semester.

**"WE'RE SOCIAL** beings," Father Oliva said. Quoting Vatican II documents, the Jesuit said, "by his innermost nature man is a social being and unless he/she relates to others he/she can never develop to his/her full potential."



Fr. Oliva

"Christian morality has a social as well as a personal meaning," Father Oliva explained. The Judeo-Christian heritage incorporates a sense of the "common good," he added.

Father Oliva is in residence at Christ the King parish. He has given workshops in the United States and other countries on social justice. He traveled recently to India, Mexico and South Africa.

**"THE APOSTLES** devoted themselves to communal life," the Jesuit said. They sold everything they owned and divided earnings among themselves, he noted.

The apostles tried to ensure that none would have more than any of the others, Father Oliva said. They were also "concerned for those who had less" than them, he added.

"The Lord made me in His image," the Jesuit said. People were "made to live eternally with God," he explained.

**HUMAN DIGNITY** is "based on God's love," Father Oliva said. Social activists, he noted, can sometimes lose sight of their own dignity in looking out for the dignity of others.

Because of original sin, people lose sight of their dignity, the Jesuit explained. But, he added, the supreme sign of God's love for people is His Son, Christ.

Through the Incarnation, God raised the dignity of each human person because Christ was human, he said. "Christ is the foundation of the unsurpassable dignity of the human person," Father Oliva explained.

**WHILE SOME** may feel that a place like Lake Tahoe is the most beautiful thing imaginable, Father Oliva explained, "one individual human person is more beautiful in God's eyes" than anything which humans find beautiful.

"The spectrum of life runs from the womb to the tomb," the Jesuit commented, alluding to the "seamless garment" idea of life which the U.S. Catholic bishops have defended.

"The dignity of the human person is what makes some political and economic issues moral ones," Father Oliva said, citing prison conditions and unemployment as examples.

**IN THE** Acts of the Apostles, the Jesuit explained, Jesus asked Saul "Why are you persecuting me?" when it was actually His followers who were being persecuted.

"Jesus was identifying with His followers," he noted. In so doing, Jesus "was raising humanity to a new dignity," he added. He cited the bishops' peace pastoral as an example of the compassion "which flows from us to others."

People often "put their worth in terms of things" instead of God's love for them, Father Oliva said. "God's love is what's basic," he noted.

**FATHER OLIVA** cited poverty, racism, prejudice, class conflict and materialism as obstacles to human dignity. In the United States, he said, materialism is a trap for everyone because one's worth is put in terms of what one has.

In the U.S. poor people are often viewed as "bums," the Jesuit said. The poor here are seen as "lazy" people who do not try to achieve a better life, he explained, adding that waiting in line for welfare is a dehumanizing experience.

Before showing slides he had taken in India, South Africa and Mexico, Father Oliva said he was not doing so to make the audience "feel guilty." Rather, he hoped the slides would "stir the hearts" of those present and help them "see the interconnection between themselves and those in the slides."

**THE SLIDES** of India included people in Mother Teresa's Home for the Destitute in Calcutta where people go to die.

Other slides showed some impoverished areas of Tijuana where people "fear external circumstances" like landslides. Poverty prevents them from doing anything about their situation, he said.

Even though some of the slides depicted what appeared to be desperate circumstances, Father Oliva said signs of hope are present in each country. He cited the Sisters of Mother Teresa in Calcutta and the Casa de los Pobres in Tijuana as examples of hope.

**IT IS** the youth who are "the promise of the future in any country," Father Oliva said while showing slides of young people in the three foreign countries.



Photo by Larry Plaster

*ALL DRESSED UP — Festive Mexican attire was the style of dress chosen for the parade, Mass and dinner held Dec. 9, to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe. Her feast day is actually Dec. 12. Each year the diocese recognizes the 1531 appearance of Mary to Juan Diego, a peasant.*

# 'Impossible dream' realized— earns $10,000 for center

**By Joyce Carr**

MISSION VALLEY — The idea of having a musical benefit with performances by priests and Sisters first seemed like "an impossible dream," Father Dan Griesgraber told the audience of over 700 at the Town and Country Convention Center Nov. 30.

"But you have made the dream come true. You are helping St. Madeleine Sophie's Training Center meet the needs of people society considers unfortunate, but whom the Lord loves in a special way." Father Griesgraber, associate pastor of Holy Trinity parish, El Cajon, then sang ***The Impossible Dream.*** He was decked in serape and straw hat.

**THE CENTER'S** first annual benefit, "Joie de Vivre," (Joy of Life) was presented by the Barat Auxiliary and netted over $10,000, for the construction of a $1.2 million multipurpose building, Executive Director Sister Maxine Kraemer, RSCJ, said.

Professional San Diego musicians shared the spotlight with Father James Rafferty, associate pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Augustinian Father Michael King of St. Augustine High School and Franciscan Sister Joanne Nicgorski of the diocesan Center for Liturgy and Prayer. Father Michael Smith, associate pastor of Sacred Heart parish, Coronado, accompanied two of the soloists at the piano.

The entertainment featured a variety of sights and sounds spanning the music of different eras and nations. It opened with the plaid-skirted Cameron Highland Bagpiper Band and dancers performing several Scottish numbers, and closed with the Sun Harbor Chorus' barber shop harmony. Solos ranged from arias by opera singers Jonathan Welch and Andrea Mays to a Stephen Foster medley sung by Father King.

**IN A** rendition of ***Chansonnettes du Monde,*** Sister Joanne and Father Rafferty sang lyrics in French, German, Italian and Spanish. Other duets were on the classical side. Tenor Patrick Biggs, soloist at St. Brigid's Church, and Father King sang a duet from Bizet's ***The Pearl Fishers.*** Eleven-year-old Cheryl Norman and pianist Peter Martocchio played ***Csardas*** by V. Monti.

Ray Jackson was master of ceremonies for the three-hour program.

The El Cajon training center teaches 110 developmentally disabled adults, 20 to 69. They learn skills in basic education, creative arts, independent living and leisure activities, Sister Maxine said. Addition of the multipurpose building will enable the center to enroll 130 handicapped adults.

SAN CARLOS — St. Augustine students took four first places and one second place in the San Diego County Academic Decathalon held at Patrick Henry High School, Nov. 17. The decathalon is an academic competition involving all high schools in the county. Ten students from each school competed in 10 categories, ranging from essay writing to mathematics and science. The winners from St. Augustine were Ignacio Salceda, a senior who took first place in economics and second place in social studies; Michael Bonin, senior, first place in mathematics; John Belfiore, senior, first place in oral interview; and John Hilinski, junior, first place in oral interview.

# *Peace Corps volunteer describes drought-stricken Niger*

**By Joyce Carr**

EL CAJON — "How do I deal with being rich in an impoverished land, with being well fed among hungry friends?" asked Peace Corps volunteer Julie Ralph in a letter to her mother, Gael Ralph, of Our Lady of Grace parish.

Julie, 24, works as a health and nutrition specialist in a dispensary in Tamaske, Niger. Drought in this northwest African country threatens to bring the same famine and starvation that is rampant in Ethiopia, she wrote.

**WHEN THE** tropical sun scorched Niger's pastures, sheep and goats began to strip bushes and trees of their leaves, but still became "emaciated sacks of skin and bones." Many herders sold their animals, receiving less than $10 for a cow, $5 for a sheep and $1.25 for a goat in the glutted meat market, she said. The condition worsened when Nigeria, which used to buy Niger's livestock, closed its borders. Tamaske natives started eating more meat, and this unusually rich diet caused diarrhea and weakness.

Niger also lost its supply of sardines and sugar, formerly obtained from Nigeria. That left a daily ration of only one or two bowlsful of millet for each family, which might have 15 members due to the practice of polygamy permitted by the Moslem religion there. The typical diet now consists of millet and water eaten once a day, Julie told her mother.

"The nomads of the Sahel, a fiercely independent group, usually roam the countryside with their herds and live off the milk from their animals," she continued. "Now they are selling their herds, have nothing to eat, and are setting up refugee camps on the fringes of the southern cities."

**WHEN GAEL** Ralph read of this deprivation, she made copies of her daughter's letter for her family, friends and RENEW and Cursillo groups. Gael encouraged them to write their congressmen about the need for transporting and stockpiling food in the countries west of Ethiopia. She suggested sending small money donations directly to Julie for the purchase of food and medicine. (Checks cannot be cashed in Tamaske.) She read Julie's letter over radio station KSDO-AM and received responses from several listeners.

Julie used the money she received to buy vitamins, sugar for oral rehydration solutions, rice for the rice-water treatment of diarrhea and powdered milk, bean flour and peanut flour to enrich the millet for malnourished children.



Julie Ralph

Julie, the only Christian and white person in Tamaske, hopes to have a recuperation center built of "mud bricks covered with cement" to accommodate women who walk to the dispensary from the bush villages.

**SHE ENVISIONS** furnishing it with beds and mats and having space to teach gardening, cooking and cleaning. She has been promised $2,000 for this center by a village organization founded by a former Peace Corps volunteer who is now a Marianist Brother in Kenya.

Julie graduated from Our Lady of Grace School and the former Rosary High School in San Diego. She earned a degree in biological sciences at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

*Those wishing to support her efforts in Niger can call Gael Ralph at 444-3885.*



# Viewpoint

**By Father Louis Copestake**

## *Gifts of knowledge*

From my viewpoint, books are among the best gifts. They give the recipient a treasure which "rust cannot corrode," they can be used over and over, and they can even be shared or re-given. If the person you wish to cherish through gifts already has enough video games and tapes, let me suggest a few titles which I have read lately and have added to my permanent library.

With a definite prejudice in favor of local talent, I begin with the latest work by our own Father Charles Dollen, pastor of St. Gabriel Church in Poway. (In fact, if a car sped past you on the freeway, boasting a ST GABE license plate, you have already encountered this padre.) Father Dollen's newest work is ***Prayer Book of the Saints*** and it is novel in more ways than one. This is a book of prayers OF the saints rather than TO the saints. These prayers composed by our heroes and heroines are divided into five sections, beginning with the earliest centuries, through the middle ages, to the modern Church. I have enjoyed and used this book, ever since it arrived. Published by Our Sunday Visitor, ***Prayer Book of the Saints*** sells at $6.95 in soft cover.

Who says that San Diego is Lotus Land? Another local literary talent is Dr. Gerald Nelson, M.D., a member of our diocese living in Del Mar. His offering is ***The One Minute Scolding,*** a short and lucid guide to effective discipline of children. The heart of the work is that an encounter can be condensed into a moment and can include a communication of your frustration, a clear definition of unacceptable behavior, as well as a supportive message of belief in the child. Not having any children of my own, I can at least say that I have found the technique helpful in dealing with my staff and some of my friends! My favorite chapter is "Love and the Best of Intentions Are Not Enough." Let the Church say "Amen" to that. My appreciation to Dr. Nelson for slicing through all the psychobabble that passes for erudition from some authors. This book is published by Shambhala, and sells at $6.95 also.

So many of our Catholic people have little awareness of the history of their Church, or the paths along which it has developed. As a result, they are rootless and prey to the terrors of the present moment. A helpful and useful gift for any Catholic would be ***A Concise History of the Catholic Church*** by Father Thomas Bokenkotter. I have read this book at least three times, and used it in a number of adult education courses. It really IS concise. It is also scholarly without being soporific. This would be an especially good gift for a catechumen or their sponsor (or even your RCIA director). Published by Doubleday, in hardcover it sells (or once sold) for $10, and in paperback it is $5.95. This book sizzles with intrigue, murder, passion and tales of wonder. Eat your heart out, Andrew Greeley!

Last and longest is ***Dictionary of American Catholic Biography*** by John J. Delaney. There are 1,500 entries in this hefty volume, and reading these biographies gives me a sense of the tremendous contributions which the Church has made to these United States. As a source for the entire gamut of the Catholic experience in America, as revealed in the lives of those who lived and shaped that experience, it is unique in its field. This volume would be a welcome addition to one's desk library. Since many Catholics are so sheepish about their religious allegiance, it might even surprise the reader to discover that some of these great Americans WERE Catholic. This book is also published by Doubleday, and sells at $24.95.


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# Letters . . .

## Fr. Regin responds

I am pleased to see that people are reading and responding to items appearing in the Southern Cross. Obviously, I touched some areas of real interest in my reflections on the State propositions (S.C. 42/11/1).

In my reflections, I operated from some basic pre-suppositions; a) the right to life is a basic human right and is not subject or dependent on individual circumstance nor social or governmental concurrence; b) on the basis of the above, each person has a right to those things necessary to sustain and develop life; and c) each person has the right to full access to the system producing life-sustaining means. These concepts are drawn from *"Mater et Magistra"* Pope John XXIII

While there may be agreement on basic principles, there can and usually is disagreement on the specific application of principles. While I can appreciate the concern of D. Pritchard — Proposition 36 would not have provided any specific remedy for senior citizens and their housing needs. The involvement of Big Business and Big Government alluded to by D. Pritchard and Robert Greenwall are real issues that deserve constant reflection.

The reflections of Dr. Boyes are well taken. However my concern of Proposition 38 is based not on simple statement in the proposition but on the intent of its backers among whom was former Senator S. I. Hayakawa, who has consistently lead the cause for elimination of bilingual education. In relation to Proposition 36, money collected for fees imposed by local government since 1978 would not come from the state treasury even with its present surplus. Any rebates would have to have been drawn from the general funds of local governments, which in turn would affect the delivery of local services.

**Fr. Douglas Regin**
**San Diego**

## Swanke a 'victim'

Anne Catherine Swanke was a victim of her times. The only way Anne knew how to combat evil was to engage in activities that created joy and beauty for those who appreciated it.

We have a new saint in heaven, because she was truly a friend of God's. We can pray that others will rise up to do what they can to make this world a better place in which to live.

So many, with high ideals, principles and standards have so much to offer. They should persevere in their endeavors in memory and in honor of Anne.

We must not let the love of God and neighbor grow cold in our hearts. Anne's death must not be in vain.

**Bob Wangler,**
**Lemon Grove**

## 'Suffering' geography

It appears that Judith Piszkin (*SC* Letters Nov. 29) shot herself in the foot in the first two paragraphs of her letter criticizing the U.S. Bishops.

In the first paragraph she says one of the bishops' goals is to diminish welfare aid. In the second paragraph she criticizes Western European welfare programs as failures contributing to the decline in living standards.

If the bishops want to diminish welfare aid and she thinks welfare is a failure, what's her beef? I can only conclude that on this point she agrees with the bishops.

Perhaps she is more expert in economics than the bishops, but her geography suffers. Every map I've ever seen locates Korea, Japan and Taiwan in the Western Pacific. She says they are in the Eastern Pacific. Where does this leave California?

**Joe McArdle**
**Carlsbad**

# The Pope Speaks



## Overcoming temptation

People should look to Mary for inspiration to overcome the temptations to sin and indifference to God, said Pope John Paul II Dec. 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The pope spoke at the annual ceremony held in front of Rome's statue to the Immaculate Conception.

"We are aware, more than ever, of that fighting and struggling that is going on in the soul of men, between grace and sin, between faith and indifference," Pope John Paul said.

"We are also aware of those struggles which shake the contemporary world" because of these conflicts in the soul, he added.

The pope prayed that Mary "not permit us to be defeated by evil but to defeat evil with good."

After the afternoon ceremony, the pope celebrated Mass at Rome's Basilica of Mary Major. During the homily he said the dogma of the Immaculate Conception proclaimed by Pope Pius IX contained two basic elements:

"First, the preservation from original sin, that is to say, the Immaculate Conception of Mary, was done to prepare a worthy dwelling place for the son of God for the Incarnation.

"Second, this exception from sin, that is to say the Immaculate Conception, is a privilege which the mother of God owes to the redemption coming from the cross of Christ."

Sin also was the subject of the pope's thoughts in a recently released document. The world today has lost its "sense of sin" and "the sacrament of penance is in crisis," Pope John Paul II said in a major new document released Dec. 11.

In the 143-page text, *Reconciliation and Penance,* Pope John Paul also warned against ideas of "social sin" that would reduce personal freedom and responsibility.

The document was released simultaneously at the Vatican and in Washington by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The pope reaffirmed Church teaching on the existence and nature of mortal sin and venial sin, and he said it was "an essential element of faith" that Christ instituted the sacrament of penance as the ordinary means of forgiveness of sins after baptism.

It would be "foolish" and "presumptuous," the pope said, "to claim to receive forgiveness while doing without the sacrament" of penance.

He reiterated Church teaching on the need to confess mortal sins individually and rejected use of general absolution except in extraordinary circumstances, under the strict norms spelled out in the Church's general and liturgical laws.

*Reconciliation and Penance* is based on the discussions on that topic by the 1983 world Synod of Bishops. It was dated Dec. 2, the first Sunday of Advent.

The document is identified as a "post-synodal apostolic exhortation," a new description for a papal statement. The new description is carried through in stylistic changes, as the text refers frequently and explicitly to themes, discussions and concerns that were raised at the synod. Apostolic exhortations based on earlier synods did not make such extensive references to the synod work behind them.

In the document the pope began with an overview of divisions in the world today and said that sin is "the radical cause of all wounds and divisions between people, and in the first place between people and God."

He called penance, conversion and reconciliation the only ways to overcome such divisions. "Personal conversion is the necessary path to harmony between individuals," he wrote.

He dealt at length with the relationship between personal and social sin, one of the most controversial issues that the synod faced.

Other difficult issues with which he dealt include debates over the theology of sin and penance, the decline in use of the sacrament of penance, general absolution, and the pastoral care of persons who have married outside the Church and are unable to receive the sacraments.

Some of his sharpest language was directed against trends of thought that would deny or play down personal sin and the need for the sacrament of penance.

The renewal of the rites of penance after the Second Vatican Council "does not sanction any illusion or alteration" in the Church's view of sacramental penance as "the ordinary way of obtaining forgiveness and the remission of serious sins committed after baptism," the pope wrote.

In a talk given earlier this month to a international group of youth the pope asked them to work for peace through reconciliation. "We must be personally reconciled with God and with our brothers and sisters if we wish to bring reconciliation to the world around us," he said.

## Our Christian Way of Life

**By Enid Lanyon**

# Life is an appreciation

Every now and again we read something that catches our interest and causes us to stop and try to analyze its impact on our minds. Yesterday I came across a statement in a book by Dr. Paul Brenner which said "life is an appreciation." There was no further development of the thought. It lay there with no attempt at persuasion, to be accepted or rejected as one chose.

At first the statement seemed unfinished. An appreciation of what? The only answer could be — of life. Life is an appreciation of life? That was, as someone said, too metaphysical! But when we break down the concept of life, what it means to us, its origins, its purpose, then the idea begins to have not only meaning but excitement.

**TO SEE** life as an appreciation we have to see it as it really is — a gift from God and a manifestation of all the wonder and beauty that he is, as the materialization and incarnation of His infinitely various love and being. It is to recognise the immense value and incredible perfection of his creation — a creation in which there is not conformity but uniqueness and perfection comes in many different guises and forms.

That excites me. It recalls the aphorism on which a visiting priest to our parish built his homily. Christianity is an attitude of gratitude, he said. It is an attitude of gratitude for excellence of God and of his creation, for the excellence of life — and that has nothing to do with the transient trials and problems, or even evils we perceive around us. It is gratitude for something which does not cease to exist simply because we lose sight of it or are too concerned with ourselves to bother with it. It is what Advent is all about.

If we look at our great saints — Francis of Assisi, Clare, And in our own times, people like Mother Teresa and Dorothy Day, Tom Dooley, the thing that separates them from the moderate masses is reverence for life. Not only their own but for all forms of life. That is unusual. It has always been unusual for humankind which has distinguished itself more by destroying life That seems different than by nurturing and reverencing it.

**THE INTERESTING** thing about the bald observation that life is an appreciation is that it was not made in a religious context. It is a conclusion arrived at by a man who has spent his professional life counseling people who have lost their way in life and have been in danger of losing their identities. And from all this observed confusion and dislocation emerges the perception that what is lacking in us is the appreciation for all the wondrous life that exists outside of and yet is part of us.

This is what Advent cries out to us years after years. Look at the infant Child and appreciate the gift of life! Look at the homage of the kings, shepherds and angels and appreciate the leveling, transforming love that is God, and appreciate the soul-boggling gift of Himself! Look at the evil that sought from the beginning of the infant life of Jesus to destroy His innocence, and appreciate the transcendent power of good that defies our perception of reality!

Christmas is so near. Less than two weeks away. It is not asking too much to suggest that we weave into our preparations for family festivities and church liturgies, a quiet sense of appreciation for all that is. Perhaps now, when so much emphasis is placed on gift giving and receiving with all those dangers of disappointment or lack of valuation, is the time to contemplate the incredible wonder of life itself; to appreciate and be grateful for it in ourselves and those we love — but also as it is manifested in those we do not love or consider our enemies. Perhaps now, in this season of winter and chill we might consider the wonder of cold and quiet and time of resting in nature and let it reflect itself in ourselves.

**I REMEMBER,** when I was very young, I would say that life was beautiful and the world wonderful, but the people ugly. Now, many years later, the people seem to be beautiful too, full of potential awaiting awakening, full of love awaiting a spark, and full of God's love awaiting a response. Perhaps that is why Advent seems so much like an embrace and a promise — and a promise fulfilled. Perhaps that is why I feel so grateful and appreciative that Advent comes every year — and Christmas. Oh yes, and Christmas!

## Talks with Parents

**By Dolores Curran**

# Procrastinators or 'time-bind victims'?

Sr. Martha, who has been in charge of her diocesan religious education convention for 15 years, is puzzled over a change in behavior among those who attend. It has naught to do with what happens once they arrive but how soon they are willing to commit themselves in the first place.

Where once they registered well in advance and always by the cut-off date, Sr. Martha finds they now wait until the final few days or, indeed, walk in and register 10 minutes before the first session begins,

**"LATE REGISTRANTS** are becoming the norm," moans Sr. Martha. "I think I'll change the categories of attendee to registrant and procrastinator."

One must empathize with her because she's caught between two forces. On one hand, facilities and speakers are demanding ever earlier reservations and deposits. The date goes to the first one to commit. As a conference speaker myself, I find myself being asked to commit to date two years down the road. I have no idea what I'll be doing then but if I put it on my calender, it remains firm. A Sr. Martha isn't going to get a facility or a speaker if she doesn't arrange it well in advance.

On the other, people are resisting being asked to commit themselves to attendance in advance. This reluctance is becoming a real problem for those in charge of anything. Letters to Ann Landers complain that people aren't responding by the date inscribed in the invitation and, indeed, many do not RSVP at all. The hosts, required to pay by a certain date, end up paying for non-existent guest at receptions and dinners.

**LAST SUMMER** I was called by the dean at a college where I was scheduled three weeks later to direct a workshop. She explained that instead of the 50 registrants they had expected, only 15 had signed up. To cancel or not? We discussed it and decided to go with it. When the workshop opened, we had 60 show up. But until that weekend we didn't know if we would see 15 or 50.

The question is, why are people waiting so long to commit themselves? What are they telling us? How do we deal with it? Whether it's a parish course, diocesan day of reccollection or a marriage enrichment weekend-planners need to know and attendees need some freedom in deciding whether or not they can attend But when the time comes, we're swamped with other needs and responsibilities, and we have to set priorites.

**PEOPLE ARE** not so much procrastinators as time-bind victims. They are fighting hard to preserve time for themselves, their couple relationship and their families. They may want to register for a conference but they are reluctant to commit themselves more than a week or two ahead because other needs arise.

We need to understand and respect this time bind and take responsibility for encroaching upon it. To accomplish this, we have to be sure there's a need for what we're offering, to be sensitive to what else is going on at the time in people's lives and to shorten the registration cut-off time. If a facility or speaker requires a commitment too far in advance, we need to seek alternatives.

On the other hand, we have a responsibility to the planners of activities that enrich our lives. If we say in September that we want a Lenten series in a parish, we must take seriously our responsibility to attend because the planners spend endless hours getting speakers' facility and publicity established. Their only failure is that they believed us when we said we wanted it.

## The Sacred Liturgy

**By Father Charles E. Miller, C.M.**
**Rector, St. John's Seminary**

# Singing brings about unity at Mass

It is difficult to imagine a group of people standing around a birthday cake and reciting, rather than singing, the greeting, "Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear...." Even though the familiar melody is surely of less that classic quality, singing the words lifts them into an atmosphere of celebration. But singing does more. It brings about the unity of the participants. When we pray according to the ancient tradition of the Church in approved, official prayers we are expressing sentiments which help to unite us. And yet in praying aloud together each person speaks more or less according to his own pace and esepecially in his own melody. Yes, even in speaking we create a melody by the sounds of the words since melody is established by the relationship of one pitch to another within a whole.

**WHEN WE** are invited to sing at Mass, we must do three things. The first is the most obvious and is similar to what happens whenever we pray aloud together. We rise above our preferences to accept and make our own the words of the song or hymn. The second is that we give up our tempo, the usual rate of speed according to which we normally speak. The music determines the tempo. Thirdly, we adjust our speaking pitch and melody to be in accord with pitch and melody determined by the composer. For some people singing is very natural and they approach it with enthusiasm. For others it is something of a chore and the effort to participate represents a sacrifice. It may be that the music is too high, or the melody is not familiar, or the tempo is too slow or too "jazzy." But unity almost always requires some sacrifice, a willingness to give up something for the benefit of the group. When a family goes on a camping trip, everyone cannot have his own way if there is going to be harmony and peace. In fact, in any human relationship, whether it be the partnership of business or the covenant of marriage, compromise is necessary. Perhaps "unselfishness" is a better term.

And where else is unselfishness more more appropriate than at Mass which is the celebration of our Savior? Jesus gave His life to destroy the barriers of sin which separate us and to bring us into a unity as the one body of which He is the head. The unity of all His followers was the intention of the prayer of Jesus on Holy Thursday evening and its was the purpose of His death on Good Friday.

**THE MASS** is not a private devotion nor the isolated prayer of individuals. It is the corporate worship offered by the Church, the disciples who form one body, one spirit in Christ. The Mass can come alive for us if we are willing to set aside all obstacles, which may range from indifference to hostility, to enter into that full, active participation which includes heartfelt and prayerful sharing in the singing of the Mass.

# *Vatican to detail objections to* Christ Among Us

**By Sister Mary Ann Walsh**

VATICAN CITY (NC) — A list of the Vatican's objections to Anthony J. Wilhelm's book, ***Christ Among Us,*** is forthcoming, an official at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith told National Catholic News Service Dec. 3.

But it has not been decided who will state the objections, said congregation official Father Thomas Herron, an American from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

**FATHER HERRON** said it still has to be decided if it would be "better for someone in the states to do it," instead of the Vatican. He cited the need to consult with officials in the United States.

Among those who could issue objections, he acknowledged, are Archbishop Peter Gerety of Newark, N.J. Archbishop Gerety removed his imprimatur from the book last spring after the doctrinal congregation told him to ask the Paulist Press, which had been publishing the book, not to consider future reprints. Objections also could come from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, he acknowledged.

Father Herron declined to specify what the objections are.

**"IT'S NOT** an exhaustive list," he said, "but there are a substantial number of points of objection."

Father Herron said that the publication of the objections is not connected to the decision by the Harper and Row publishing company to release a new edition of Wilhelm's book, without imprimatur.

"The congregation has had these objections for a long time," said Father Herron. "It was because of them that it intervened" last spring.

**IT IS** "ridiculous" that the objections have not been made public by now, he said, and cited the people's "right to know."

"The objections are not just ours," Father Herron said. "A lot of people had them, not just CUF (Catholics United for the Faith). We want to make sure this is understood by everybody."

He questioned why Harper and Row would publish the book since, he said, "it does not have an imprimatur and may not be used as a basic text in a formal education program."

**"WHO'S GOING** to buy it?" he asked.



Photo by Larry Plaster

*NEW HOMES — Ground was broken Dec. 8 for four new residences at NOAH Homes. Walter Fitch, vice chariman of the board for NOAH broke ground as Bishop Leo T. Maher looked on. About 300 people attended the Mass, groundbreaking and reception. Construction on the homes, which will serve 40 developmentally disabled adults, will begin in 1986.*

# Harper and Row to print *Christ Among Us*

SAN FRANCISCO (NC) — Harper and Row has announced that it is publishing a new edition of Anthony J. Wilhelm's ***Christ Among Us,*** a book that the Vatican asked Paulist Press to quit publishing and distributing last spring.

The new edition will not carry the "imprimatur" (Latin for "let it be printed"), the official Church clearance for publication.

**MORE THAN** 1.6 million copies of ***Christ Among Us*** with an imprimatur were sold between 1967 and 1984, making it the most widely used adult catechetical text in the United States.

Last April, however, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith asked Archbishop Peter Gerety of Newark, N.J., to withdraw his imprimatur from the book, on grounds that it was unsuitable for use as a catechetical text. The archbishop passed along to Paulist Press a request by the Vatican congregation to stop distributing the book and not to reprint it.

The removal of imprimaturs from ***Christ Among Us*** and another book, ***Sexual Morality,*** by Sulpician Father Philip S. Keane, provoked wide controversy in Catholic publishing, catechetical and academic circles in the United States.

**SEVERAL NATIONAL** Catholic organizations formally protested the way in which the Vatican had handled both cases and asked for clarifications of the reasons behind the Vatican actions. The doctrinal congregation so far has refused to spell out its exact objections to either book.

***Christ Among Us*** covers all major areas of Catholic belief and life, and it was widely used in adult education classes and classes for adult converts to Catholicism. Books used as catechetical texts are required to carry the imprimatur.

Wilhelm told National Catholic News Service in a telephone interview that the rights to ***Christ Among Us*** automatically reverted to him when Paulist Press, obeying the Vatican request, stopped handling it.

**HARPER AND** Row, whose religious books division is based in San Francisco, "was one of several publishers who wanted it," he said.

Wilhelm, a former Paulist priest, is now a marriage counselor, writer and lecturer in Berkeley.

He said his reason for having a new edition of ***Christ Among Us*** published was "not wanting to be defiant, but because there seems to be a demand for it."

**HE STILL** feels "a sense of hurt and bewilderment" at the removal of the imprimatur and the lack of any explanation by the doctrinal congregation, he said.

"If they had asked me to make corrections, I would have," he said.

He said it concerns him that the new edition will not carry an imprimatur, but he never considered the book a "catechism" as that term is usually understood.

**BUT HE** added that in adult religious education today "most good teachers use a variety of books and resources" rather than a single text, and he considers his book one of the resources they may draw on.

Harper and Row announced its plans to publish ***Christ Among Us*** in its 1985 January-April catalogue.

Wilhelm said the new book would be the fourth revised edition. The previous edition came out in 1981, he said, and the new version has been updated to incorporate subsequent Church documents such as Pope John Paul II's 1981 encyclical *On Human Work,* the new Code of Canon Law in 1983, and the U.S. bishops' 1983 pastoral letter on war and peace.

**HE ALSO** made some revisions "to clarify a few things that might be misunderstood," to update lists of other resources available, and to meet some complaints about "sexist language" in earlier editions.

ALCALA PARK — Six Brandenburg Concerti of Johann Sebastian Bach will be performed by the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. in Immaculata Church at the University of San Diego. Gerard Schwarz will conduct the virtuoso pieces and members of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra will be soloists. Limited seating is available for $13.50 and $5. For tickets, call 459-3724.

SAN DIEGO — Mercy Hospital will hold its annual "Toys for Tots" show Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. in the hospital's Francis E. West, M.D., Auditorium. Admission is one unwrapped Christmas toy. The toys will be given to the hospital's pediatric patients and to its young clinic patients during the clinic's annual Christmas party. Remaining toys will be given to Hillcrest Receiving Home. The talent show will feature break dancing, gymnastics, a visit from Santa Claus and Christmas caroling.


ASK DR. KROTOSKI

by Andrew L. Krotoski, D.D.S.

**Q: Is there any relationship between sinuses and tooth pain?**

**A:** There can be. It's not always easy to diagnose, because the upper back molars and bicuspids are right under the sinuses. If a patient has a cold, pressure from congested sinuses can cause pain and discomfort.

Dentists can do simple tests to check the condition of the sinuses, if they are suspected to be part of the problem. In addition, sinus infection can be detected if it shows up on a dental X-ray. If, radiographically and clinically, a dentist finds nothing else wrong, it's very likely that tooth pain is sinus-related.

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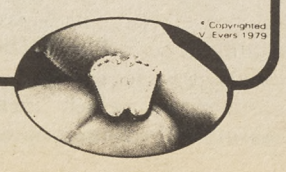

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# Boston quarterback wins Heisman

BOSTON (NC) — When Boston College quarterback Doug Flutie won the Heisman trophy Dec. 1, he was the first competitor from a Catholic school in 20 years to receive the honor, emblematic of college football's best player.

Flutie, who was awarded the golden anniversary trophy at New York's Downtown Athletic Club, was the first Catholic school football player to win the award since quarterback John Huarte from the University of Notre Dame took the honor in 1964.

**IT WAS** the seventh time a player from a Catholic school has received the award, and the first time for any Catholic school besides Notre Dame.

It also marked the first time in 13 years and the 14th time overall that a quarterback has won the award. The last quarterback to be named Heisman winner was Auburn University's Pat Sullivan in 1971.

Recognized as the most prolific quarterback in college football history, Flutie holds National Collegiate Athletic Association records for the most yards total offense (11,317), most yards passing (10,579) and most yards against one opponent (1,445 against Penn State, 1981-84).

**FLUTIE WILL** be remembered best for his 64-yard pass to roommate Gerard Phelan with no time left on the clock to beat the University of Miami 47-45 on national television Nov. 23.

The Heisman award capped a college career which began with Flutie as Boston College's fourth-string quarterback. "We didn't have a fifth-string," said BC assistant athletic director Reid Oslin.

Flutie became starting quarterback for the Eagles when he was sent in during a 1981 game against Penn State, trailing 34-0. Playing only the fourth quarter, he passed for 135 yards and a touchdown.

**"WHEN HE** went in, immediately it was like someone hit the switch. The whole team picked up and began to click," said BC coach Jack Bicknell.

Though not Catholic himself, Flutie attends Mass at St. Patrick Church in nearby Natick, Mass., with his girlfriend every week. In recent weeks, he has been forced to leave Mass early to avoid being mobbed by fans. He played high school football in Natick. Flutie was born in Baltimore but moved to Melbourne, Fla., in 1969 when his father accepted a job there. The family moved to Natick in 1975.

A speech communication major at Boston College, Flutie has a 3.1 out of 4.0 grade point average, and has been recommended as a Rhodes Scholar.

**MARILYN MATELSKI,** who teaches radio and television courses at the school, said Flutie "amazes me. He is so natural and genuine and I've dealt with a lot of athletes who were big men on campus and a lot of sons and daughters of celebrities. Doug is a very above-average student."

# Carmelites received

SAN YSIDRO — Nineteen Spanish-speaking postulants were recently received into a lay Carmelite order by Father Howard Rafferty, general director of the order.

A ceremonial scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was placed on each postulant. After the clothing ceremony a Mass of Thanksgiving was offered in Spanish. A reception followed.

**THE NEW** members of the Carmelite community include Rosario Mendoza, Graciela Macias, Maria Eugenia Ponce, Maria Eugenia Cosio, Tomasa Garcia, Juanita Mederos, Concepcion Silva, Magdalena Gonzalez, Maria de Jesus Perez and Maria Larraga.

Other new members are Engracia Urrea, Lillian Magdaleno, Anita Rodriguez, Cristina Alvarrado, Guadalupe Gutierrez, Luz Maria Padilla, Alma Lidia Gonzalez, Maria Gracila Trujillo and Carmen Macias.

These representatives of Carmelite chapters were present: Mr. and Mrs. John Waters, directors of the Central Council; Joan Carsola, director of the Holy Family chapter in Linda Vista; Ruth Cerano, director of the Little Flower chapter in La Mesa; Ruth Buller, general coordinator of the Apostleship of Prayer for the San Diego diocese; Mrs. Lee Gray, master of formation at the Little Flower chapter; Bertha Noemi Tranconis de Peniche, special translator for local Carmelite communities and Connie Castenada, director of the new chapter of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, here.


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*SWEEP PARADE — A street cleaning party sponsored by the Sherman Action Community (SAC) covered city streets in the parish boundaries of Our Lady of Angels. Father Edward "Ned" Broackhaus, left, pastor of Our Lady of Angels Church, participated. Steve Klink (right) also took part. He is executive director of the San Diego Organizing Project, of which SAC is a part.*

Prior to receiving the award, Flutie led the Eagles to a season-ending victory over Holy Cross, 45-10. He completed 13 of 25 passes, including a 37-yard touchdown pass to his freshman brother Darren, their only scoring connection of the year by the passing route.

He then flew by chartered plane to New York's LaGuardia Airport, where he was picked up by private helicopter and brought to the Downtown Athletic Club.

**FLUTIE FINISHED** third in balloting in 1983 behind University of Nebraska running back Mike Rozier and Brigham Young quarterback Steve Young.

In gathering 678 first place votes and 2,240 points overall, Flutie easily beat Ohio State running back Keith Byars and Brigham Young quarterback Robby Bosco.

"You dream of winning the Heisman but you can't make it a goal," Flutie said after receiving the award.

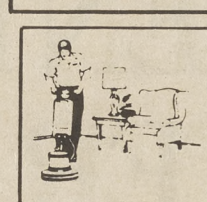
**FLUTIE IS** scheduled to lead BC's Eagles against the University of Houston in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas Jan. 1.

The other Notre Dame players to receive the award were quarterbacks Paul Hornung (1956), John Lujack (1947) and Angelo Bertelli (1943), halfback John Lattner (1953) and end Leon Hart (1949).

LA JOLLA — The president of the University of Notre Dame will lecture at the University of California San Diego next spring. The Committee for the Eugene M. Burke CSP Lectureship on Religion and Society announced that Father Theodore Hesburgh will give its inaugural lecture at UCSD. "The Threat of Nuclear Weapons to Humanity" will be the topic of Fr. Hesburgh's lecture — tentatively set for April 3, 1985. The endowed lectureship is in memory of Father Eugene M. Burke, CSP, a distinguished theologian and scholar.




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# Auxiliary bishop arrested

**By Tracy Early**

NEW YORK (NC) — Auxiliary Bishop Emerson Moore of New York was arrested Dec. 5 in a demonstration protesting South Africa's policy of apartheid, or strict racial segregation.

It was apparently the first time in history that a Catholic bishop was arrested for civil disobedience in the United States.

**BISHOP MOORE** and four other demonstrators blocked an entry to South Africa's New York consulate. They were taken to the 17th police precinct headquarters, given a summons to appear in court Dec. 19, and released.

Those arrested were not handcuffed, and Bishop Moore said they were not fingerprinted at the precinct house.

At a brief news conference before he moved in to be arrested, the 46-year-old bishop called apartheid "sinful" and "degrading." He and his fellow demonstrators hoped to "prick the consciences of the people of this country and of the government," he said.

**AFTER HIS** arrest and release, Bishop Moore said, "The action made a statement, and I feel good about it." He said he did not think the people of the United States understood the "horror" of the apartheid system.

American religious, civic, labor and black community leaders have been demonstrating daily at the South African embassy in Washington and consulates in other major cities to protest South Africa's systematic suppression of black rights. The demonstrations are an attempt to force the U.S. government to use its "economic and moral leverage" against apartheid, Bishop Moore said.

Ordained in 1982 as the first black bishop in the New York archdiocese, Bishop Moore is pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Harlem, vicar for the seven parishes of the Harlem area and archdiocesan vicar for black community development.

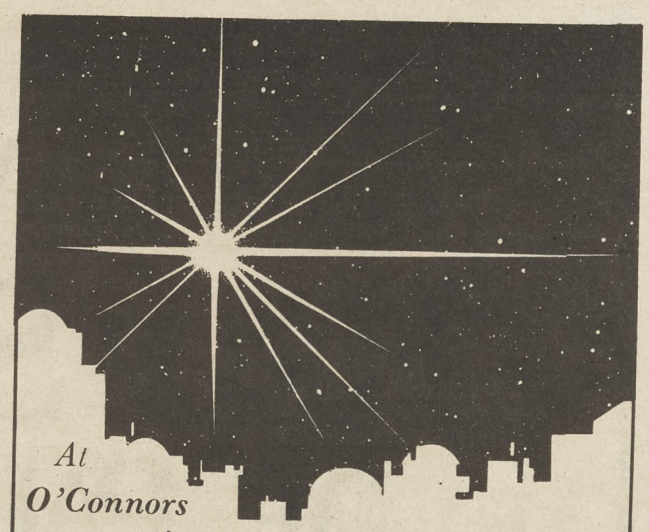
**THIS WAS** his first arrest, he said, adding he knew of no other U.S. Catholic bishop who has been arrested.

In Washington, Msgr. John Tracy Ellis, a leading American Catholic historian, said he could recall no other instance in which a Catholic bishop in the United States had been arrested for civil disobedience, although a number of them have participated in protest demonstrations in recent years. Some bishops have been taken to court in civil suits, he said, but not on criminal charges.

Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit, a veteran peace activist, in an interview also recalled no cases of arrests, although he could name a number of fellow bishops who have participated in public demonstrations on various issues such as civil rights, peace and abortion.

**BISHOP MOORE** said he had "no problem" with the concept of civil disobedience itself, but he had not engaged in it before.

Arrested with him Dec. 5 were three other black demonstrators — Hazel Dukes, president of the New York State chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Roscoe Brown, president of Bronx Community College; and Melvin Lowe, president of the college's student government — and one white, the Rev. William Webber, a Protestant minister teaching at New York Theological Seminary.

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# Serra and his superior were a 'compatible unit'




Msgr. Francis J. Weber

In a little over a year, the Spanish realm along the shores of the Pacific had been extended over 800 miles, from San Fernando de Velicata to Monterey, and three missions and two *presidios* had been established in the area.

When news of the event reached Mexico City, everyone was jubilant. The churches of the city rang bells. The massed clangor sounded like Rome after a canonization. San Fernando, with greater claim than all the others, joined in the common jubilee, for two of her sons, Frays Junípero Serra and Juan Crespi, had planted the cross over 2,000 miles away.

**THE EXCITED** populace soon learned the significance of it all. A Solemn Mass of thanksgiving was offered in the Metropolitan Cathedral, with both the Visitor General and Viceroy in attendance.

In his official statement, the Viceroy did not overlook Fray Junípero Serra's part in the dramatic occurrence, noting that the "exemplary and zealous missionary" had related the events surrounding the Christian penetration of Alta California.

On October 25, 1770, 30 additional missionaries (20 for Baja and 10 for Alta California) left the Apostolic College of San Fernando. The new guardian at the college was Fray Rafael Verger and it was he who would act as Serra's superior in those formative years.

**VERGER APPRECIATED** that he had an excellent field commander in Alta California. Concerning Serra, he wrote that the *Presidente* "was held in high esteem because of his learning and remarkable talents." He had come to the New World to "teach the benighted pagans of this vast kingdom the cathechism and Christian doctrine."

Verger and Serra were a naturally compatible unit. The two sons of Mallorcan farmers were plowing for God and Spain but both often found the ground stubborn and unreceptive.

It must be understood that the spiritual and temporal conquest of California was controlled by an interlocking directorate of Church and state. The king, the Council of the Indies, the Board of Trade, the viceroy, military governor, local *presidio* commander, the Commissary General of the Indies, the guardian at the Apostolic College of San Fernando all jostled with the *Presidente* in furthering the interests of both Church and state.

**THE UNION** was intimate in theory and practice. The organization was tightly knit on the highest level in Spain, on the intermediate level in Mexico and on the lower level in California. Little deviation from set rules was allowed and little individual enterprise was permitted.

All these officials worked hand-in-hand, sometimes harmoniously, sometimes at variance. Misunderstandings arose from variant interpretations of the law without the contestants being able to consult higher authority readily. Disputes came when clashing personalities insisted on their rights, feigned or real.

The poor communications of the age and tremendous distances involved stagger our imaginations today. It took nearly a year, for example, to ask a question and receive an answer.

**THE WHOLE** scheme worked out simply because hardy and zealous men in uniform and habit, real frontiersmen and pioneers, serving God and the king, striving to be good Christians and remaining very human in many things, bearing arms and shouldering the Cross, were willing to undergo privations and hardships to attain their goal.

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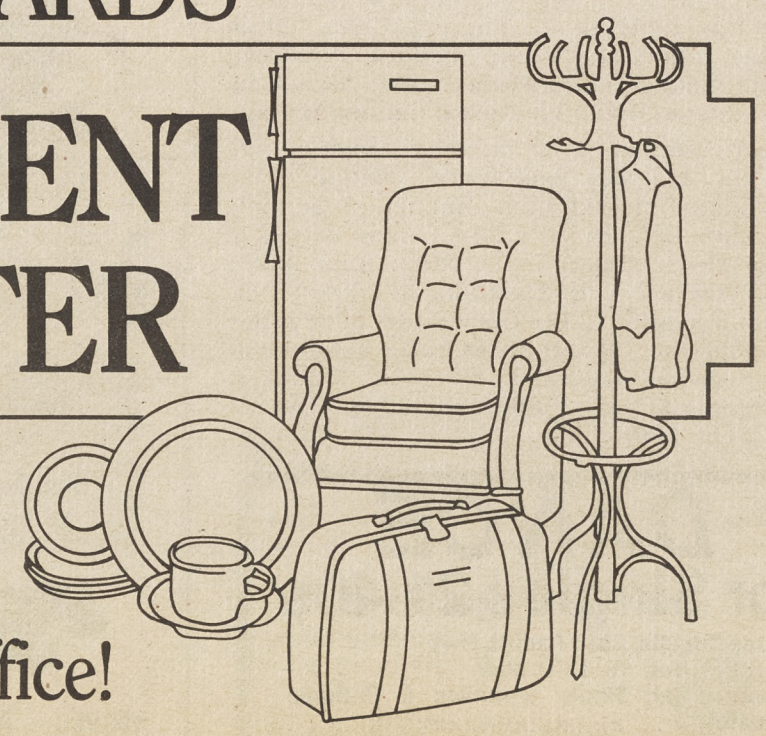
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# On the Record

**By Charlie Martin**

**Hard Habit to Break**

I guess I thought
you'd be here forever
Another illusion
I chose to create
You don't know what you got
until it's gone
And I found out
a little too late

I was acting as if
you were lucky to have me
Doing you a favor —
I hardly knew you
Then you were gone
And you have no idea
how much I care

*Refrain*
Now being without you
takes a lot of getting used to
I should learn to live with it,
but I don't want to
Being without you
is only a big mistake
Instead of getting easier,
it's the hardest thing to take
I'm addicted to you, babe
You're a hard habit to break

You found someone else;
you have every reason
No one can blame you,
you're running too good
Two people together,
but living alone
I was spreading my love too thin

After all these years,
I'm still trying to shake you
You're much better
I see that it just takes time
Deep in my life,
it's an endless sight
I can't get you out of my mind

(Repeat Refrain twice)

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Written by S. Kipner, J. Parker
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## Before It's too Late

Chicago's ***Hard Habit To Break*** adds another title to their long list of hits.

The song reminds people how relationships need special care. Otherwise people may learn to their sorrow, "You don't know what you got until it's gone."

Too late the person in the song discovers that he wants the relationship back. He realizes, "I'm addicted to you, babe, you're a hard habit to break."

In the past the person has acted "as if you were lucky to have me." And this attitude drove the other person away.

It's easy to see how such attitudes cause harm. Sometimes familiarity brings indifference or the attitudes described in the song. When people begin to take another person's needs or feelings for granted, the sense of specialness that helps love grow can be lost.

While there are many things people can do that help take care of a relationship, let me suggest two ideas for consideration:

First, let surprises be a part of your friendship. Surprise adds zest and enthusiasm to any aspect of life. When one person surprises another with a thoughtful note, a small gift or by doing something extra, it communicates how special the person is.

Such actions tell others we don't take them for granted.

Care is shown also by preserving a part of each week for "listening time." This is a time when each person shares the important concerns of his or her life and the other listens attentively.

Everyone faces times when they are exceptionally busy. Still, couples need to find space for this in the schedule. It may be something as simple as taking a walk together. Both people should see it as an important part of each week.

The song indicates how difficult it is to regain a lost love. But, by taking small, consistent steps, we can help the love in a relationship continue to grow.

And if we develop a habit of love maybe we won't need to worry about regaining something that is lost through our own neglect.

*(Your comments are always welcome. Please address to: Charlie Martin, 1218 S. Rotherwood Ave., Evansville, Ind. 47714.)*



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*AUTOGRAPH SEEKER — Pope John Paul II signs an autograph for a young boy during a visit to Grande Madre di Dio (Great Mother of God) Church in Rome.*

## Pope invites youth to launch Holy Week

**By Agostino Bono**

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Noting that 1985 has been designated as the International Year for Youths by the United Nations, Pope John Paul II has invited the world's youths to initiate the 1985 Holy Week with him in Rome.

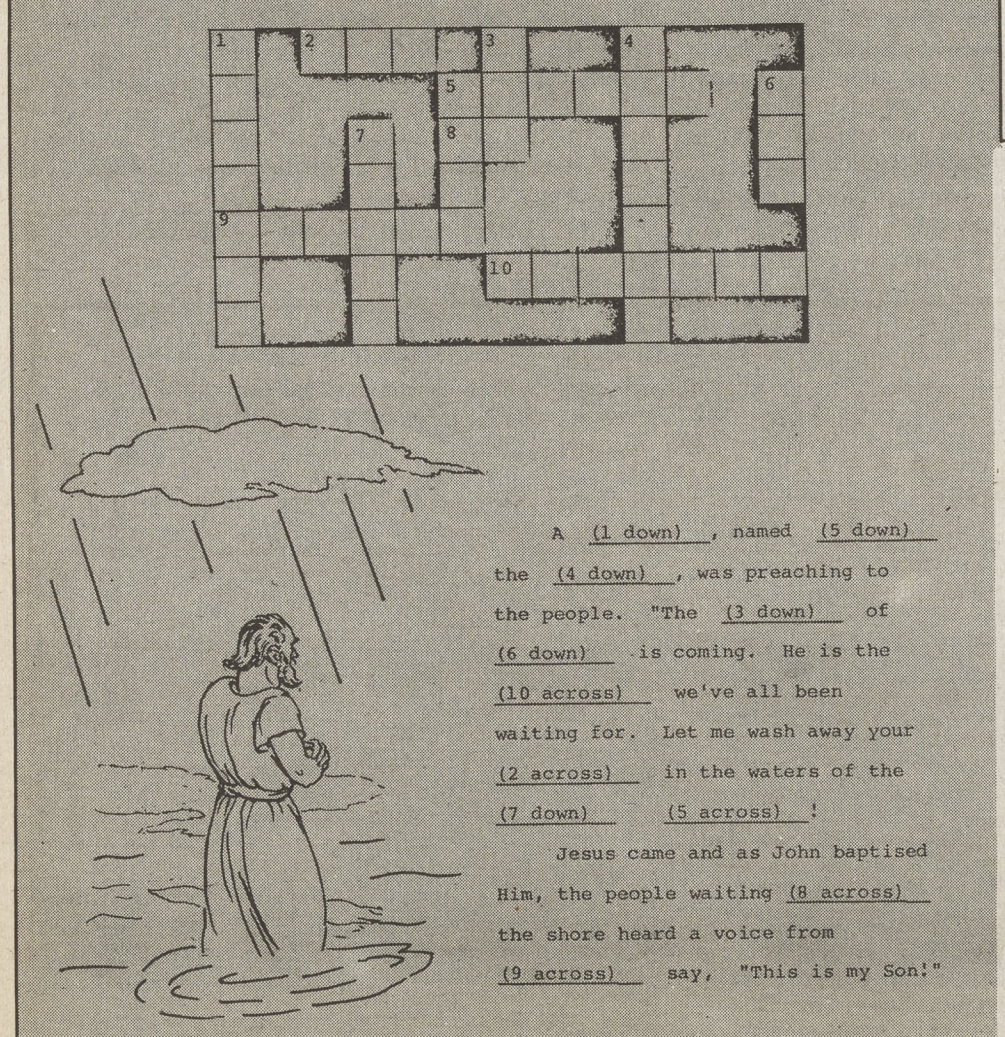
During his Nov. 25 Sunday Angelus talk, the pope said that the Church must use the specially designated year to "give testimony and an original contribution along with all the youths that have encountered Christ."

**THE POPE** invited youths to join him at a Vatican-sponsored youth rally March 30-31, 1985, the dates for Palm Sunday and the preceding Saturday.

"Let us celebrate, let us proclaim, let us give testimony together that Christ is our peace," the pope said. "I ask the bishops' conferences of every nation and all the international Catholic movements and associations to support this initiative by favoring the participation of many youths."

**CORRECTION**

A description which appeared on the photo page "Images of the Virgin Mary" in the Dec. 6 issue of ***Southern Cross*** was incorrect. The image at Mary Star of the Sea Church in La Jolla is a mosaic not a painting. ***Southern Cross*** regrets the error.




A (1 down), named (5 down) the (4 down), was preaching to the people. "The (3 down) of (6 down) is coming. He is the (10 across) we've all been waiting for. Let me wash away your (2 across) in the waters of the (7 down) (5 across)!

Jesus came and as John baptised Him, the people waiting (8 across) the shore heard a voice from (9 across) say, "This is my Son!"

# The Life of Christ

**— A Series for Children**

## Jesus is baptised

**By Pat Wilson**

For many, many years there had been no prophets in the land of Israel. Then suddenly, a prophet called John came from the desert preaching a message from God. The people called him John the Baptist because he told them they must be washed of their sins by baptism.

"The Kingdom of God is close at hand," he said. "Repent. Be baptised in the River Jordan. Let me wash away your sins. God is coming."

"Are you the Messiah?" many people asked him. "I'm only a voice crying in the wilderness," replied John. "Soon one will come whose shoelaces I'm not even worthy to untie. He is the Messiah and He'll be here soon. Get ready. Be baptised. Wash away your sins."

More and more men and women came to the Jordan River to hear John and to be baptised. One day Jesus, who was now a grown man, came to the river and waited patiently in line for His turn to be baptised. As He moved into the river toward John, a voice deep inside John whispered that this man was the Messiah. "Why do you come to me to be baptised?" asked John. "It is my Father's will," replied Jesus.

And so humbly John baptised Jesus, and at that moment the people waiting on the bank of the River Jordan saw a break in the clouds. A bright lights shown through and a voice was heard to say, "This is my Son. I love Him very much and am pleased with Him."

# Around the Diocese

**Sunday Mass, a Catholic Liturgy for Television**
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**Alternatives to drinking** or other drugs, a workshop at USD's Solomon Lecture Hall, Dec. 13, 7-10 p.m. Sponsored by the National Council on Alcoholism, San Diego area. Free. More: 270-1661.

***Annie*** performed by Our Lady of the Sacred Heart drama club, Dec. 14-15, 7:30 p.m., at the school. Details: 284-1715.

**Directed retreat**, by Spiritual Ministry for Adults, Dec. 14-16. Not overnight. Hours: Fri. 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Focus on personal prayer life of each person. Scripture passages pondered. Cost: $35 (includes 3 meals). Info: 279-9380.

**Christmas sale** by St. Charles Academy, Dec. 15, Koby's Sports Arena Swap Meet. Featuring acrylic ornaments, gift boxes and fresh Christmas greens. Proceeds benefit eight grade graduation trip. More: 223-8271.

**Christmas Vesper** service of lessons and carols, by the combined choirs of Ascension parish, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., Miller School Auditorium, 10383 Orleck St., Tierrasanta. A celebration of Christmas in prayer, scripture and song. Details: 275-4299 or 281-8881.

**Getting off the merry-go-round**, a workshop for professional women, Dec. 15, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., La Providencia House of Prayer. Donation requested. Details: 698-6775.

**Christmas dinner dance** and drawing, Dec. 15, Our Mother of Confidence Church hall, University City. Cost: $10. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Father Thomas B. Austin Council 4958. Reservations: 453-0143 or 453-1516.

**Advent Christmas** music series, Saint Brigid's Church, Pacific Beach, Dec. 16, 4 p.m. Lessons and carols by St. Brigid's choir and handbells. Free.

**Stalpar Club**, Christmas party, Dec. 16, Thom Ham's Lighthouse, Harbor Island, 6:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Cost: $12. Reservations: 583-2282.

**Parish breakfast**, Dec. 16, after all Masses at St. Mary Church, Oceanside. Cost: $1. Proceeds to bishop's fund for seminarians. Sponsored by Stella Maris no. 183, Young Ladies Institute. More: 757-7075.

***The Messiah Christmas*** portion and lessons, Dec. 16, 3 p.m., San Rafael Church, Rancho Bernardo. Featuring the San Rafael Church choir. All invited. Details: 485-0153.

**Secular Order** of Discalced Carmelites (Third Order), monthly meeting, Dec. 16, Carmelite Monastery. Info: 444-4971.

**Hanging of the Greens** and Singing of the Carols, St. Martin of Tours Church Sanctuary, La Mesa, Dec. 16, 7 p.m. Presented by St. Martin of Tours Adult Choir. Free. More: 465-5334 or 561-1396.

**Christmas concert**, St. Mary Church, Escondido, Dec. 16, 4 p.m. Featuring the adult choir of St. Mary's under direction of Lorraine Rankin. Free.

**Senior Catholics** and friends invited to free membership in the TraveLure Club which offers a year round schedule of one day and longer tours. For info call Santa Sophia's Adult Education Office, 463-6011 or 697-4001.

**Catholic Graduates** dance for singles aged 21-40's, Dec. 16, 8 p.m., Casa Tequila, 2888 Pacific Hwy. More: 280-1354.

***Fiddler on the Roof*** auditions, Dec. 17-18, Don Room of the El Cortez Hotel, 4-9 p.m. A Covenant Ark Theatre production. No appointment necessary for rehearsal; resume and picture required.

**Serra board** meeting, Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., St. Francis Seminary. Members welcome to attend.

**Court Mother** of Divine Grace Christmas meeting, Dec. 19, 11 a.m., Ocean Beach Woman's Clubhouse. Lunch follows at 1 p.m. at the Village Inn on Sports Arena Blvd. Reservations due by Dec. 17. Call: 276-4451.

**Principles of Christian** Living with Pat Kankowski, Christmas prayer and worship, Dec. 19, 9:30-11:30 a.m., St. Therese Church. Class resumes Jan. 9 at the social center. Details: 286-4652.

**Youth ministers** and high school coordinators inservice, Dec. 19, Benedictine Convent, 7-10 p.m. Speaker: Sister Edith Prendergast. Sponsored by the diocesan Youth Ministries Office. Info: 574-6303.

**Christmas party** of Stella Maris no. 183, Young Ladies Institute, Dec. 20, at the home of the president. Reservations: 433-5373.

**Serra Christmas** party, Dec. 20, 6:30 p.m., Miramar Officers' Club. Cost: $13.75. Reservations: 465-8728.

**Annual Christmas** party of Knights of Columbus Council 7792, Dec. 22, 8 p.m.-midnight, St. Therese social center. Dinner and dance cost is $7.50; under 12, $4. Reservations: 466-8093 or 582-7030.

**Candlelight Christmas meditation**, Dec. 22-23, 7:30 p.m., Mission Basilica of San Diego de Alcala. Featuring the Mission Choir, director Gene Regard, Organist Valantina Fillinger with the "Classical Brass." More: 278-0021.

**Advent Christmas** music series, St. Brigid Church, Pacific Beach, Dec. 23, 4 p.m. ***Hanging of the Greens*** by St. Brigid's handbell choir and youth choir. Free.

**Lesson and carols**, an Advent concert, Mary, Star of the Sea Church, La Jolla, Dec. 23, 3 p.m. Featuring Mary Star Choir and Soloists. Info: 466-9437.

**Celebrating Jesus'** birthday, special liturgy and fiesta, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Calexico, Dec. 23, 10:30 a.m. Sponsored by diocesan Services for Disabled People. More: 260-1019.

**New Year's Eve** dance/dinner, Blessed Sacrament parish hall, 8 p.m-midnight. Hot roast beef dinner/no host bar. Sponsored by Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus. Reservations due by Dec. 26. Call: 286-2276.

**Peace vigil** for the New Year, Dec. 30, 8 p.m.-midnight, by Spirtual Ministry for Adults. Free. Call: 279-9380.

**New Year's Eve** celebration and Charismatic Mass, Holy Family Church, Linda Vista, Dec. 31. Social hour at 7 p.m.; Mass at 9:30 p.m. Celebrant: Father Edward Kaicher. Details: 459-3255.

**Faith and Light** gathering, Jan. 3, St. Rose of Lima conference room, Chula Vista. Sponsored by Diocesan Services for Disabled People. More: 260-1019.

**Catholic deaf** community Mass and social, Jan. 6, 10 a.m. St. Mary Magdalene Church. Sponsored by Diocesan Services for Disabled People. Details: 260-1019.

**Basic Catechist course**, Our Lady of the Rosary parish, begins Jan. 7, 6:30-9:30 p.m. A 48-hour course for beginning catechists. Cost: $40. Sponsored by the Diocesan Religious Education Office. More: 234-4820.

**Faith and Light** core group meeting, Jan. 7, 7 p.m., Santa Sophia Church, Spring Valley. Sponsored by Diocesan Services for Disabled People. Call: 260-1019.

***Mass Appeal***, at Lawrence Welk's, Jan. 8, by St. Patrick's Seniors. Cost: $28 (includes buffet and matinee. Info: 282-7109 or 232-0708.

**Youth Ministry training** course, "Vision of Youth Ministry," Jan. 8, 7-10 p.m., Diocesan Conference Room, (USD campus). For youth minister candidates, high school coordinators and adults working with youth. Cost: $5. Sponsored by the Diocesan Youth Ministries Office. More: 574-6303.

**New Testament** a diploma program course, 10 sessions beginning Jan. 8, 6:30-9:30 p.m., USD. Instructor: Sister Irene Cullen. Fee: $70. Sponsored by Diocesan Religious Education Office. Details: 574-6311.

**"The Pilgrim Church**: Today, Tomorrow, Yesterday," a diploma program course, 10 sessions beginning Jan. 9, 6:30-9:30, USD. Instructor: Sister Agnes Murphy. Fee: $70. Sponsored by Diocesan Religious Education Office. Info: 574-6311.

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## Our Lady

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***Los Aventureros***, a *mariachi* group provided by Msgr. Rudolph Galindo, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Calexico, performed during the meal.

After dinner, Cardinal Baggio presented certificates to five members of the Guadalupana Confederation to recognize their work for the organization.

Bishop Chavez gave accolades to Father Louis Copestake, editor of ***Southern Cross***, for his "Viewpoint" column (of Dec. 6) on Our Lady of Guadalupe. He encouraged everyone to read the column and to take its message about the poor to heart.

**A MUSICAL** program featured the Ballet Folklorico of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Otay; the Ballet Folklorico Tapatio of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, San Diego; and songs performed by Sister Hilda Maria Reynoso, SSBS, from the Diocese of Los Angeles.

Bishop Maher was apparently joyful to have Cardinal Baggio present for the celebration.

Cardinal Baggio said everyone should give thanks to God who "gave us the opportunity to be together as brothers" and share food, song and dance. He asked everyone to remember those who do not have enough food like the people in Mexico and Ethiopia.

**"GOD HAS** manifest His bounty (for us) by this celebration. We should all leave with a soul filled with love and faith," Cardinal Baggio said.

Before giving the final blessing, Father Richard Brown, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, mentioned a matter of historical significance of the day which may have been overlooked. "This is the first time in San Diego's history, and maybe in the history of the world, that a Roman Catholic cardinal has ridden in a low-rider," Father Brown quipped.

## Economics

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**FATHER VELASQUEZ** described criticism of the letter as "vitriolic." Many people feel angry and threatened when told that "God is asking them to give up some of their privileges," he said.

Following the presentation, participants were informed that they can respond to the pastoral by completing a questionnaire on its content or by joining study groups to prepare a response. Members of the diocesan Peace and Justice Commission will lead the groups, which will meet at locations in North County, South Bay, East County, Central City and USD.

Comments on the pastoral should be submitted to the diocesan commission, which will forward them to Bishop Leo T. Maher by Feb. 15. Next June, the U.S. bishops will discuss suggested revisions and prepare their second draft.

**THEY ARE** scheduled to vote on the third and final draft of the letter next November.


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# El Reino de Dios y la justicia social

**Por el P. Rubén Fuentes**

Evangelización, educación integral, justicia social, juventud y formación de líderes, he aquí los cinco temas que desde hace algún tiempo han venido llenando esta página hispana de ***Southern Cross***. Las explicaciones que sobre estos temas se han dado han demostrado, sin duda, que se trata de cinco necesidades que afectan al pueblo hispano de esta nación americana y que se levantan como verdaderos "desafíos" al trabajo pastoral que todos los hispanos estamos llamados a cumplir.

Es por esto que se han calificado estos temas como "prioridades" a tenerse en cuenta en esa reunión nacional de católicos hispanos que tendrá lugar en agosto del año próximo, en Washington, D.C., y que todos conocemos como III Encuentro.

**EL PRESENTE** artículo quiere ser una especie de "conclusión provisional" a lo escrito aquí sobre estas "prioridades" con la intención de mostrar que el haber hablado de ella no ha sido mera teoría, sino que tienen un espacio concreto en nuestra vida en donde pueden aplicarse prácticamente: el de la justicia social.

En efecto, ¿a qué lleva el compromiso de la evangelización, la necesidad de una educación integral, la ayuda a la juventud y la urgencia de líderes hispanos, sino a la formación de un "pueblo hispano" en el que reine la justicia social como requisito indispensable para que el Reino de Dios se establezca en este pueblo?

Pero, ¿de qué clase de justicia social se trata? ¿Se puede hablar de una justicia social cristiana y que, por tanto, se funde en el Nuevo Testamento? ¿Y si tal justicia social existe, ¿cómo se nos pide trabajar por ella?

### Algunas modelos de justicia social

**HOY DIA**, todo mundo habla de justicia social pero no todos la entienden de la misma manera.

Así, por ejemplo, para los países sócialistas y todos los simpatizantes del comunismo mundial, la justicia social y el trabajar por ella significan la realización del sueño marxista de una sociedad sin clases, en donde todos, por igual, gozarán de todo el bienestar material que puede proporcionar este mundo. Sin embargo, vista la persistencia, a traves de la historia, de la diferencia de clases, causa fundamental de todas la injusticias, hay que combatirla por medio de la revolución, aún la sangrienta.

Tal revolución es comparable a caballos que van galopando incansablemente al lado de estas sociedades clasistas para irrumpir en ellas con sus ginetes, en el momento oportuno, y establecer esta justicia social.

**POR OTRA** parte, para el mundo occidental, particularmente para los países dichos capitalistas, la justicia social es entendida de otra manera.

Examinémosla, aunque muy superficialmente, refiriéndonos concretamente al país en el cual vivímos, los Estados Unidos.

Esta nación es en muchos aspectos y para muchos, modelo de democracia, libertad y bienestar social. Orgullosa y respetuosa de su ley suprema como es la Constitución, ella sienta las bases de una justicia social al prohibir cualquier clase de discriminación que se haga en sus habitantes por razones de raza, sexo, color, religión, orígen nacional, estado marital, edad...

**CABE PREGUNTARSE** aquí: ¿se vive esta justicia social en toda la nación americana? ¿No es precisamente el pueblo hispano aquí radicado, que sufre todavía la discriminación, la explotación y el poco respeto a su cultura, un "reto" al ejercicio recto de esta justicia social señalada por la Constitución?

### Realidades sobre una justicia social cristiana

Todos sabemos por el Evangelio y por todo el Nuevo Testamento que Jesús vino a hablarnos del Reino de Dios. Es decir, vino a anunciar la nueva sociedad que Dios quiere y la justicia social que debe reinar en ella.

Existe un texto de San Pablo sumamente significativo, en el cual el apóstol capta este mensaje del Señor sobre la verdadera justicia social. Se trata de Rom 14, 17:

> "El Reino de Dios no es cuestión de comida o bebida; es ante todo justicia, paz y alegría en el Espíritu Santo. Quien de esta forma sirve a Cristo, agrada a Dios y también es apreciado de los hombres."

**ESTO QUIERE** decir, que la verdadera sociedad que Dios quiere y la justicia social que Dios pide se establezca en ella, no es aquélla que busca únicamente el bienestar meramente material y trata de adquirirlo por medio de la violencia, el sufrimiento ajeno y la explotación sino aquella justicia social que se establece bajo la acción del Espíritu Santo por medio de la paz y la alegría.

El apóstol señala aquí, como se puede ver, las cuatro características de una justicia social cristiana:

* **El bienestar material:** es decir, buscar la dimensión material de la sociedad (comida y bebida) aunque no de manera única y exclusiva.

* **El Espíritu Santo:** es decir, que esta justicia social debe insistir también en la dimensión espiritual de esta sociedad, y esto es obra del Espíritu Santo.

* **La paz:** que se rechaza, entonces, la revolución, la violencia y la explotación como un medio para establecer esta justicia.

* **La alegria:** que no se admite, para establecer esta justicia, la necesidad del dolor y el sufrimiento ajeno.

¿No fueron éstas, precisamente, las características de la justicia social que anunció Jesús en su Evangelio?

**¿NO FUE** éste, el bienestar material buscado por El cuando criticó duramente la injusticias sociales de su tiempo (Lc. 6,24-26; Mt. 19, 16-26 y 23,13-39) y se puso del lado de los pobres y oprimidos (Mt. 5,1-12; Lc. 4,18-19 y 16,19-31)?

¿No fue el Espíritu Santo prometido por Jesús (Jn. 14,17-26) el que formó la primera "sociedad cristiana" tan añorada hoy día (Hech. 2,42-47 y 4,32-35)?

¿No es esta paz la que Jesús dió a sus apóstoles y que llamó suya y distinta de la del mundo (Jn. 14,27), la cual tenía también esta primitiva sociedad (Hech. 2,47)?

**¿NO ES** esta alegría la prometida también por Jesús (JN. 16,20-22) y de la que estaba llena aquella sociedad primera (Hech. 2,46)?

¡Qué crítica tan profunda encontramos aquí de los modelos de justicia social arriba señalados! Su marcado materialismo, violencia, consumismo, insensibilidad al sufrimiento ajeno, explotación, apego desmedido a las riquezas: todo esto sale a flote, si se le compara con la justicia social enseñada por Jesús y sus apóstoles.

### Justicia social: tarea prioritaria del hispano

Ante el peso de estas razones evangélicas, no cabe duda que Dios pide, particularmente a los hispanos de esta Diócesis de San Diego, a lanzarse, desde sus asociaciones, movimientos, parroquias y otros departamentos diocesanos, a trabajar en los problemas sociales que afectan a tántos de su misma raza de esta nación. La Iglesia, a la cual también ustedes pertenecen, también se los pide. He aquí un texto explícito de la Carta Pastoral de los obispos católicos de esta nación:

> La Iglesia al comprometerse con la doctrina social asume la búsqueda de la justicia, como una labor eminentemente religiosa. Las personas dedicadas a esta tarea deben comprometerse, ser informadas y guiadas por aquellas que conocen por experiencia propia, la paradójica bendición de la pobreza, los prejuicios y la injusticia (Mt. 5:3). Por lo tanto, pedimos a los hispanos que asuman un papel cada vez mayor en la acción social, y a los hispanos que traten de buscar, cada vez más, la participación hispana en una auténtica asociación. (n.12,1).



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***PROCESION PARA LA VIRGEN — Más de mil personas participaron en una procesión para la celebración diocesana el 9 de diciembre en honor de la Santisima Virgen de Guadalupe. La procesión comenzó en la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en San Diego y terminó en el Community Concourse donde se celebró la Misa en honor de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.***

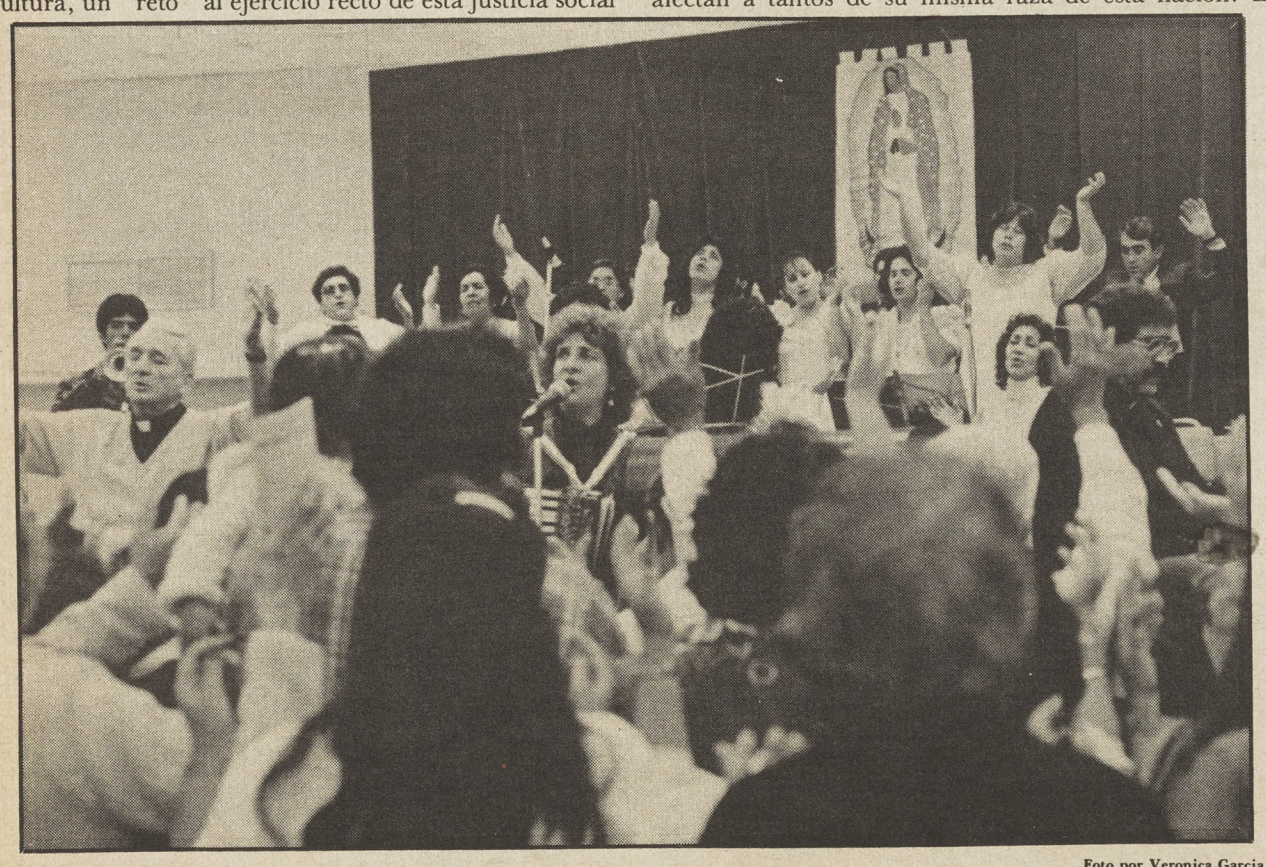


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***CELEBRACION DE ADVIENTO — Cerca de quinientas personas estuvieron presentes para la "Celebración de Adviento," un evento de Evangelización Católica, el 2 de diciembre en el auditorio del Al Bahr Temple en Kearny Mesa. El Padre Miguel Diehl, director del Centro Hispano de Renovación Carismatica, y el Padre Juan Santillán, de Los Angeles, guiaron la celebración. Además estuvo allí el equipo de Carisma en Misiones.***

WASHINGTON, D.C. — El Padre Juan Romero ha sido nombrado el coodinador del III Encuentro. Monseñor Daniel Hoye, secretario general de la Conferencia Nacional de Obispos Católicos, anunció el nombramiento el 19 de Octubre. El Padre Romero supervisará el proceso preparatorio de seminarios y reuniones al nivel parroquial y diocesano que culminará con el encuentro nacional en agosto de 1985 en Washington, D.C.

## Postulantes recibieron el escapulario de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo

SAN YSIDRO — Después de un año de preparación, 19 postulantes recibieron el escapulario café de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo en una ceremonia que tuvo luger el 22 de octubre en la Iglesia del Monte Carmelo aquí.

Las postulantes fueron recibidas por el Padre Howard Rafferty, director nacional de la Orden Carmelitana. El Padre Rafferty tiene su residencia en la Casa Matriz de la orden, Aylesford, en Darien, Illinois

Las postulantes fueron guiadas por la maestra de formación Carmelita, la Señora María del Consuelo Castañeda.

Las postulantes seguirán llevando a cabo sus estudios e instrucción para profesarse como Hermanas Seglares de la Tercera Orden Carmelitana durante el otoño de 1985.

El Padre Rafferty y Monseñor Francisco Aldasoro, párroco de la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo, concelebraron la Misa para la ceremonia. Después, en el salón de recepciones, se les ofreció un ágape a la Carmelitas recibidas, sus familiares e invitados.

Entre las personas invitadas, estuvo el compositor y cantante de música religiosa, el Señor Angel García, quién amenizó a la concurrencia con cantos religiosos de su propia inspiración.

SAN DIEGO — El Centro de Renovación Carismática celebrará una Misa de "Renovación en el Espíritu Santo" el 30 de diciembre a las siete de la noche en la Iglesia de San Judas. El Padre Miguel Diehl, director diocesano del movimiento carismático hispano, será el celebrante de la Misa.

La semana que viene (el 20 de diciembre), ***Southern Cross*** tendrá un reportaje sobre la celebración del Valle Imperial para la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.



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*BITTERSWEET ROMANCE — A chance encounter in a Manhattan book store leads to a bittersweet romance for Robert De Niro and Meryl Streep in* Falling in Love. *The talents of the two performers are wasted in this "innocuous" film which the USCC classified A-II.*

**Capsule Movie Reviews**

***Just the Way You Are***

Crippled musician goes to bed with a succession of men at home and in the course of a vacation at a ski resort in Switzerland, where she hides her affliction with a plaster cast. Dull and listless attempt at light romance. Because of its benign view of the heroine's promiscuity, it has been classified O — morally offensive — by the U.S. Catholic Conference.

***Supergirl***

Superman's cousin drops in and has it out with a wicked witch, the fate of mankind depending upon two women. Pleasant enough, if mediocre, entertainment. Would that an attempted rape scene and some profanity were absent. The U.S. Catholic Conference has classified it A-II — adults and adolescents.

***Beverly Hills Cop***

An Eddie Murphy vehicle whose particulars are of little importance. If you like Eddie Murphy, you'll like this because he's at his good-natured best. Because of its violence and rough language, this story of a supercool Detroit detective in the conspicuous consumption capital of the universe has been classified A-III — adults — by the U.S. Catholic Conference.

**Religious Broadcasting Highlights**

*The following are descriptions of upcoming editions of* ***30 Minutes with Father Michael Manning, SVD****, a Catholic television program which airs in the San Diego area on Channel 6 (XETV), Sundays at 8:30 a.m.*

***Relatives and In-Laws***

Jesus had an extended family. Elizabeth, Zachary and their son John (the Baptist) are prominent examples. Problems accrued with these and other relatives in their relationships with Jesus and God: Zachary struck dumb, John having to "decrease," relatives asking Mary to go with them to take charge of Jesus because they thought he had gone out of his mind. Father Manning challenges one to consider how Jesus' example calls us to deal with problems that arise between us and our relatives and in-laws. Airs Dec. 16.

***Breaking Bread on the Birthday of Christ***

***Breaking Bread*** is the celebration of Christmas liturgy with the television audience. It is an experience that calls people to reflect on the reality of Christmas. In his homily Father Manning calls attention to how Christmas customs from gift-giving to extending season's greetings are immersed in meaning of the Incarnation: Christ came to show all creation to be holy. Airs Dec. 23.


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**HUGHES, Frances M.** Funeral Mass: December 3, at St. Rita's Church.

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**ROGGENBUCK, Marguerite H.** Sister of Claire Burger and Anna Johnson. Graveside on November 30, at Holy Cross Cemetery.

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**REBELLO, Constance** Mother of Lillian Liggett, Vivian Andrade and Daniel Rebello; sister of Maria Jardin; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Funeral Mass: December 6 at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

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